

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

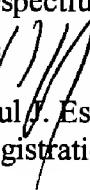
Initially, Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for indicating the allowability of claim 44 if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner maintains his rejection of claims 26 and 42-43 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,852,485 to Shimada et al. (hereinafter “Shimada”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,181,402 to Shim et al. (hereinafter “Shim”) and U.S. Patent No. 6,023,317 to Xu et al. (hereinafter “Xu”).

In response, independent claim 26 has been amended to include the limitations of allowable dependent claim 44, and claim 44 has been cancelled. Therefore, as claims 42-43 depend on claim 26, Applicants respectfully request allowance of claims 26 and 42-43.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant’s attorney would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

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